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Sen. Goschka takes Senate Higher Education Panel to Saginaw Valley State University

Universities have served as hosts during traveling hearings

LANSING – Sen. Mike Goschka, R-Brant, will be finishing the last traveling hearing of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education with a Monday, March 13 meeting at Saginaw Valley State University.

Goschka, chair of the Senate Higher Education Subcommittee since January 2003, has held four budgetary hearings each spring at various universities, capped by the upcoming meeting at Saginaw Valley State University.

"I'm proud to have the subcommittee's last official hearing at Saginaw Valley State University," Goschka said. "As an area legislator, I am grateful for the opportunity to showcase the university in all of its academic splendor. I am also thankful to all of our wonderful university hosts over these past four years."

With the Senate having a long history of holding its higher education hearings on university campuses, Monday's hearing is scheduled at 10 a.m., at the Emeriti Room in the university's Curtiss Hall, located at University Drive and College Drive West, in University Center. Previous hearings took place over the past few weeks at Michigan State University, Western Michigan University, and Kettering University.

"As chair of the Higher Education subcommittee, it has been my heartfelt privilege to work hand-in-hand with university presidents throughout the entire higher education community to seek and promote more funding for education beyond high school," Goschka said. "There is no question, whatsoever, that a healthy investment in higher education will result in a more vibrant economy and a network of people who are educationally prepared to turn Michigan once again into an economic power. Clearly, higher education is the key to job creation and keeping our young people in Michigan."